

Pursuing the Dream in Challenging Times



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

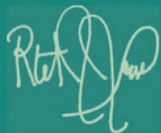
Celebration 2017

A Message from the Chancellor

As the country joins together in January to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I invite you to take part in some of the commemorative events we'll see on our campus and in our community. Today, even 49 years after his death, Dr. King's words and actions and his belief that we must be a nation where everyone has the same opportunities to live and learn continue to inspire all of us.

We have a wide range of opportunities to honor his work, and I truly believe there is something here for everyone to enjoy. From words to music to service events, there are many ways to celebrate the life of Dr. King. I hope you'll be able to take part in some of them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Jones", is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Robert J. Jones
Chancellor

Friday, January 13, 2017

16th Annual Countywide Dr. MLK, Jr. Celebration

4:00 – 6:00PM

Parkland College “U” Building

2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign

This annual county-wide celebration commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. It brings together community members from Champaign County to celebrate the mission, teachings, and legacy of Dr. King. This year, Dr. Christopher Benson, Associate Professor of African American Studies & Journalism at the University of Illinois will be the keynote presenter.

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Sunday, January 15, 2017

32nd Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Service of Celebration

5:00 – 7:00PM

Foellinger Great Hall

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

500 South Goodwin, Urbana

Since 1988, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee has awarded over 200 scholarships to local students attending colleges such as Parkland, University of Illinois, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This year we honor the memory of Dr. King with Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak as the keynote speaker.

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For more information visit:
www.diversity.illinois.edu/MLK/calendar.html

Monday January 16, 2017

32nd Annual Unity Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30AM

The Vineyard Church

1500 North Lincoln, Urbana

The 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee and Vineyard Church welcomes community members to join in celebrating the birthday of America's preeminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history at the 32nd annual Unity Breakfast.

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MLK Youth Commemoration and Afternoon of Service

10:00AM – 3:00PM

Urbana High School Commons

1002 S. Race Street, Urbana

(parking available off of Washington Street)

Join high-school youth for a celebration of the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event includes performances, a keynote speech, guided discussion, and afternoon on-site volunteer activities.

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MLK Day of Service

1:00 – 4:00PM

Illini Union I-Rooms ABC

1401 West Green Street, Urbana

For University Students: Learn about the impact Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had on the world and complete hands-on service projects that will be donated to community organizations.

Pre-register at <http://go.illinois.edu/mlkday>

Register as an individual or group. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Contact: Office of Volunteer Programs (ovp@illinois.edu)



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Thursday, January 19, 2017

Krannert “Uncorked”

5:00 – 7:00PM

500 South Goodwin, Urbana

Performing Arts has served as a global language used to connect people from all walks of life. Join us as we network and engage through a mixture of musical genres and spoken word. Performances by Nfinte Soul along with community and student performances will offer a setting to encourage “Pursuing the Dream in Challenging Times” through the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Friday, January 20, 2017

Poverty Simulation

1:00 – 3:00PM

**School of Social Work, Room 2027
1010 West Nevada Street, Urbana**

Of all Dr. King’s messages, one of his most prominent was the issue of poverty. The School of Social Work at U of I will be hosting a poverty simulation to help local community members and students to better understand the issues, hurdles, and roadblocks faced by those living in poverty. The simulation will allow participants an opportunity to debrief their experiences and think about how they can begin to tackle the challenge of poverty in Champaign County.

To Register: <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/9937424>

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Saturday, January 21, 2017

Community Celebration

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Krannert Center for the

Performing Arts, Stage 5

500 South Goodwin, Urbana

This event marks the culmination of the week of events surrounding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. Interim Provost Edward Feser will provide opening remarks. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Eric McDuffie with the African American Studies Department. The program will include a presentation by Wrapsody, and a performance by the Banks, Bridgewater, and Lewis Drum Corps. The winners and honorable mention recipients of the MLK Creative Expressions Contest will also be presented. The event will have entertainment for all ages and is free of charge.

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